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Weather forecast for Fred ericksburg and Vicinity: Fair Thursday.

HAIL TO THE HOLLY!

Reading from the Richmond News a piece on the holly we are reminded that annually in the little Tidewater county of Lancaster is celebrated an occasion commemorative of this wood which is peculiarly one of Tidewater. For several years it has been the custom of the young people of the Northern Neck to assemble at Kilmarnock, in that county, in what is known as the Holly Ball or Feast of the Holly, the holly having some years ago been dedicated by them as the emblem of Tidewater Virginia. The last Holly Ball took place on Monday night, during Christmas week, and was among the finest ever

held, people from all four counties of the Neck being present. As is the custom, a queen was chosen for the year 1902, who is hailed throughout the Northern Neck as the Holly Oneen. This year the honor fell to Miss Effie Hathaway, a charming young lady of White Stone, Lancaster county, and the coronation which followed her selection and indeed'a bearting scene. An orchestra from Baltimore was secured to furnish the music, and dancing was continued until 4 in the morning. The following beautiful tribute in

the columns of the Richmond News brought the subject to mind:

The flowers that gladdened the pron the nowers that gladdened the plant ise of the spring days have gone long ago and those that bloomed and yielded their incense in the summer air departed with the warmth and light and gentle with the warmth and light and gentle dews that silently wooed them to live and be beautiful. The gorgeous and variegated colorings of the autumn were swept away by swirling winds and beaten into sodden blackness by pitiless, pelting rain. The surface of the earth looks barren and cheerless, chill and desolate, and where the snow lies upon it seems dead and still and solemn. it seems dead and still and solemn.

While the winds rush and howl and

While the winds rush and howl and bite and freezing rains drive down and where the flakes fall fastest the holly stands steady and sturdy, lifting its fearless head, its rich and polished green and vivid scarlet shining amid the aspect of desolation, defying the worst that wind and weather may do. The silenced birds find shelter and food and comfort amid its tough branches and evergreen leaves when all other resource has failed, and the cowering rabbit seeks refuge from storm and enemy beneath it. It is every storm and enemy beneath it. It is every-body's friend in the time of sorest need and faithfully does its part wherever it may faithfully does its part wherever it may be put. It gives beauty and color in the lonely forest while the large trees are denuded and tossing skeletons; it glows and cheers set among the loft pillars of stately cathedral or at the plain altar of the humblest country church. It carries the humblest country church. It carries
the children's gifts in the grandest homes
and the lowliest and is equally welcome
and equally kindly amid the rich, soft
rustling of siik and satin or the simpler
tinery of the poor, forgetting poverty in
making merry. Asking no care, it lives
and thrives and beautifies after the pampered products of the conservatory placed beside it have long since withered

and lost their fragrance and died. And, our biographer might have added, when the cedar has shed its berries and all the earth and vegetation is barren and offers but poor sustenance to creeping thing or flitting bird the holly coos the robin to its boughs, making him fat and a tempting morsel for the gunner, yet at the same time supplying his sinews with strength sufficient to flee the danger that is near. No tribute to Massachusetts Legislature for a Consti-this beautiful evergreen can be too tutional Convention to provide for the danger that is near. No tribute to fulsome, and why some of the South of the people. Atlantic States have not made it their floral emblem we cannot under-

The newspapers, apparently voicing the sentiments of the people, have prodded the Constitutional Convention quite flereely of late. Possibly this is why the Convention got such a hustle on itself Monday and Tuesday. A few more like Judge Portlock, however, will block the work of the body indefinitely. That Delegate, after being defeated in the Committee of the Whole, took up considerable time trying to get the Convention proper to give a separate judge to Norfolk, Portsmouth and Norfolk county, a purely local and personal matter, for the advocacy of which the State has to suffer. Judge Portlock is not an exception, for there are many others like him in the body. They may get the plaudits of their own immediate locality, but in framin a Constitution these local grievances should not be allowed to retard the work for whose end the State is groaning.

SOME Democrat who has the good of his party at heart would do well to lasso Wm. Jennings Bryan. His speech in which he urges on the Boers to fight to the last ditch is impolitic, to say the least, and evidences that he is not a suitable man for President of a great country; while his declaration that money will be the great issue in 1904 marks him as a fossil, a back-number.

In the resignation of Hou. Harry St. George Tucker, dean of the law faculty of Washington and Lee, that university loses one of its brightest and most scholarly gentlemen and a man altogether admirable.

THE NEGRO AS A POLITICIAN NORTH AND SOUTH.

Col. A. K. McClure, of Pennsylvania, i journalist of national repute, in last Sunday's Post in a very readable article of some length draws these

THE NEGRO AT THE THE NEGRO NORTH NORTH. AND SOUTH.

NORTH.

Not a single negro has ever been elected the present political to Congress in any conditions to war-Northern State; rant the hope that none has been elect the negro will at any ed to any State office time in the near function the North, with ture become a political state of the near function of Subscription \$1.50 Per Year, in Advance. the single exception ical factor in nation-of one of the Westernal affairs. He is States where a ne-practically disfran-gro was elected to chised in all of the gro was elected to cheed in an of the a subordinate office. Southern States falling many thou-where his numerical sands behind his power would give ticket, and I can re-him political concall but two in-trol, and he has stances in which the made no progress in negro has been elect-political advanced to any Northern ment in any of the ed to any Northern ment in any of the Legislature-one in Northern States Massachusetts and strongly and radi-one in Ohio. — cally Republican as "In Philadelphia, many of them are.

where the colored As a rule, the envoters held the bal-franchisement of the ance of power be negro has not eletween the parties for vated him or intwenty years, the spired him to the highest position to great work of educations are the properties. which any one has cating and enno-been elected was bling the race. There that of councilman, are very many most and only one reach-creditable excep and only one reach creditable exceped that distinction tions, but the great The first negro mass of the colored placed on the police vote in our Northern in Philadelphia was cities is a mere comappointed by Demo mercial commodity, cratic Mayor King and that has made fully twenty years the elevation of culafter the Republi-tured and highly recans had proclaimed spected negroes to the entire equality honored political of both races before positions next to the law and in the impossible. If this enjoyment of civil discreditable condirights. In one or tion were confined two instances Re to the black race it publicans of Penn would be an ineffaces sylvan ia have able reproach upon placed a wealthy ne the negro, but it is placed a wealthy ne-the negro, but it is gro on the electoral only just to say that ticket being the only in his debauchery of place where one of the sacred elective that race could be franchise the black safely nominated man is only as in safely nominated man is only an imi-and to-day there are lator of his white more colored teach-political associates ers employed by the From the presen single State of South outlook it seems to Carolina than are be clearly indicated employed in the published that the mission of lic school of all the the negro is ended as lic school or all the the negro is ended as Northern States of a political factor in the Union high official trust."

In our last issue the article (communicated) about the Constitutional Convention, signed O, ended by speaking of the shirt of Nessus stickng to Hercules. It should have read the shirt of Nessus to DeJanira.

CHARITY does not demand that one wear old clothes and give new ones to his neighbor.—Index-Appeal.

Nor does it demand that a riel man wear old clothes and see his poor neighbor go naked.

When one remembers that there are about 1,200,000 people always afloat on the seas of the world it is not amazing that there are so many

Some girls have such peculiar tastes that they prefer the dead beat to being beat in the chare for a hus-

DESPISE the pawnbroker as you Dispatch. may, but he is the man to make an

The fellow who borrows trouble need not apprehend a suit of re-

EDUCATION is cheap when the girls ret their musical training for a mere

THERE is a time for all things, ex-

ept voluntary failure in life.

An industrious baker cannot be classed with the loafers.

In his message to the Legislature Gov-ernor B ekham says Kentucky has recov-ered from the bitter political rivalry growing out of the Goebel-Taylor contest.

election of U. S. Senators by direct vote

There will be a big fight made upon the proposed plan for the nomination in Democratic primaries of candidates for all positions to be voted for by the people all positions to be voted for by the people and also for caudidates for U.S. Senator. The State Democratic Committee will meet on the 15th of this mouth to con-sider the report of the sub-committee which drafted the plan. On that occa-sion there will come from all parts of the State many prominent Democrats to op-pose the plan. They will contend that under its operation a man without ample means would be debarred from running for office, as he would not be able to pay the cost of the election that would be assessed against him.

Admiral Schley Appeals to President

Roosevelt Rear Admiral Schley Monday had a ong interview with President Roosevelt

long interview with President Roosevelt. He asked the President to entertain and consider an appeal for the reversal of the action of Secretary Long and the disapproval of the majority judgment of the court of inquiry.

He was given a cordial greeting and after preliminary remarks at once addressed himself to the object of his visit. The conference lasted an hour. He had been given a full opportunity to present the case from his standpoint and to acquint the President with many details of which the latter could not have any knowledge. Admiral Schley would not make any statement regarding the matnake any statement regarding the mat-

ter discussed.

Admiral Schley's interview with the

Admiral Schley's interview with the President was the result of his determination to exhaust every means in his power to overturn the judgment which has been rendered against him. He was fully aware that it would be futile to attempt to secure justice from the Navy Department.

The President can, of course, reverse the action of the Navy Department and the verdict of the court, but he gave no indication of his purpose, simply agreeing to give consideration to any paper which Admiral Schley might file with him. It will also be in his power, if he is convinced that justice has not been accorded to the admiral, to intimate to tue majority leaders in Congress that some action ought to be taken which will satisfactorily end the prolonged and unfortunate controversy.

Stops the Cough and works off the Cold Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold m one day. No Cure, no Pay Price 25 cents. VIRGINIA NEWS.

The State Board of Fisheries will meet in Richmond January 15th.

An academy building has just been completed at Accomac Courthouse.

A farmers' institute will be held at Temperanceville, Accomac county, early in February.

No tidings have yet been received of Chas. H. Newhouse and his disappear-ance is still a mystery.

A negro child, living upon the farm of Judge R. H. Cardwell, in Hanover county, was burned to death Sunday. The estate of the late Mrs. Richard Lewis, of Gordonsville, was sold at public auction Saturday, bringing \$4,000

The store, saw and grist mill, and a quantity of lumber belonging to William Stewart, of Fairlax county, were destroyed by fire Sunday, Loss \$5,000. All the family were absent at church.

A Business Men's Association has been organized at Warsaw, Richmond county, with F. A. Shackellord as president. A committee has been appointed to look into the advisability of incorporating the town and also erecting a town hall.

Hon. John Goode has accepted the in vitation to be the orator on February 12, when the celebration will be held at Hampton to commemorate the founding of the Syms-Eaton Academy and the inauguration of free school systems in

J. B. Dunnavant escaped from the Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg, during the fire there Saturday. A tele-gram from relatives in Manchester stat-ed he is at his home in good condition. Three men escaped, but two were return ed Saturday evening.

Hon. Henry St. George Tucker has resigned the chair of Constitutional law at Washington and Lee University. With this resignation will end the connection of the Tuckers with Washington and Lee, which in some form has been continuous by father and son for more than 30 years. The following is a partial list of the recruits to the Philippines, sent from Richmond the last few days: John W. Courtney, Little Plymouth; Henry L. Fitzhugh, Westmoreland county; Robert L. Campbell. Bowling Green; Mouroe Childress, Hanovercounty; William Mussleman, Fredericksburg.

Rev. Richard Bagby and wife of Louisa, Rev. Richard Bagby and wife of Louisa, have been spending a week here. Mr. Bagby preached at Centennial church on Wednesday evening last. The Sunday-School of St. Johns Episcopal church enjoyed a party at the home of Hon. T. R. B. Wright on Friday evening.—Tidewater (Tappahannock) Democrat.

The tobacco factory of Alexander Cameron & Co., in Richmond, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night and two floors of the wing adjoining owned by Cameron & Cameron were ruined. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is \$100,000, covered by insurance. About 100 operatives will be thrown out of employment. The factory manufactured eigaretts and obstracts.

Mr. Edgar Allan, jr., a prominent young member of the bar and son of U.S. District Attorney Edgar Allan, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities are \$44.444.50. There are no assets, and the only exemption made is \$150 worth of personal property. The liabilities are indorsements on notes of the Hudspeth Trans-Atlantic Line, for which Mr. Allan was counsel.

Judge T. R. B. Wright, who runs a big judicial circuit, who has done as much as, if not more than, any other man in his section to preserve the memory of its great men, and who takes a lively interest in all questions affecting the welfare of in all questions affecting the welfare of the people thereof, is moving to organize a fire company in Tappahannock. The Judge is truly a man of affairs, and if occasion requires, will make as good a fireman as he is a Judge. And that is saying an immense deal. — Richmond

Senator Lodge introduced a bill for

Both houses adjourned Monday soon after the formal announcement of the death of Senator William J. Sewell, of

William P. Hepburn, chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, declared in the House that the new offer of the Panama Canal Company was part of a scheme for delay.

ed in the House by Representative Schirm of Maryland. It provides an appropria-tion of \$12,000 for bronze tablets comtion of \$12,000 for bronze tablets com-memorating six great naval victories beginning with those of John Paul Jones in 1797 and closing with the battle of Santiago bay, "Commodore Winfield Scott Schley commanding," in 1898.

EX-CONFEDERATES' CLAIMS. A bill of much interest to ex-Confederate soldiers has been favorably acted upon by the House Committee on War claims. It provides for paying ex-Confederate soldiers for horses, bridles, saddles and side-arms taken from them in violation of the terms of surrander made by Gen. of the terms of surrender made by Generals Lee and Johnston with Generals Grant and Sherman. The bill was inroduced by Representative Padgett, of

Representative Charles E. Hooker, of Mississippi, supplemented the various resolutions favorable to Schley pending in the House by the introduction of a measure extending the thanks of Con-gressto the hero of Santiago.

No Spring Elections in Counties.

The adoption of the amendment to the Constitution abolishing the spring elec-tion of county officials will have the effect of curtailing the terms of those officials if the new Constitution is not officials if the new Constitution is not adopted. Officials elected at the election last spring will go out of office next fall, according to the belief of many, though there are some who think that the terms will be extended until the fall of next year. It is a question whether the terms will expire the fall before or the fall afterwards. Some of the terms are for two and some for four years.

The amendment to the Constitution will not affect the elections in the cities. But there will be no more spring elec-

But there will be no more spring elec-tions in the counties, whether the new Constitution is adopted or rejected. for the convention proposes to do away with the two elections in one year. The amendment to the present Constitution, adopted by the people last fall, does away with spring elections in the coun-

Virginia Horticultural Society Meets. The Virginia State Horticultural Soci-

The Virginia State Horticultural Society met in Richmond Tuesday in its sixth annual session. There were probably 100 members present. The convention is the largest and best ever held.

Mr. W. A. Taylor, assistant pomologist of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, was among the prominent visitors and delivered au interesting address descriptive of the department in extending the market for American fruits.

President Samuel B. Woods, of Char-

President Samuel B. Woods, of Charlottesville, in his address, deplored the waste lands of the State upon which no taxes have been paid since the war. Addresses were made by several prominent fruit raisers of the State.

Marriage of Octogenarians. Monday James Holt, of Holt's Mountain, N. C., eighty-eight years old, and Miss Jennie Simpson, eighty-two, were married in Pittsylvania county, Va. GENERAL NEWS

The Chinese court re-entered Pekin

British trade shows a decrease in both The U.S. Supreme Court refused to interfere in the case of ex-Capt. Oberlin M.

No change will be made by the British Government regarding the policy in South Africa.

in an engagement at Ameersfoort, in the Transvanl, the British lost 19 killed and 33 wounded

The Hereford bull which won first prize at the International Live Stock Show was sold in Chicago for \$9,000.

British official reports put the Boer losses at 18,320 last year and those of the British in actual fighting at 9,113. The Memorial Association Committee

urges the celebration of McKinley's birth day, January 29, as a national holiday The population of the United States, including all outlying possessions, in 1900 is placed at 84,233,039 by the

The Liberty Bell was greeted by thou sands on its trip through Pennsylvania Maryland and Virginia enroute to the Charleston Exposition.

to compel Congress to call a convention for the purpose of amending the Consti-tution of the United States. The diplomatic reception given at the White House, in Washington, Tuesday night was a brilliant affair. Two thousand guests were present. The floral decoration was the handsomest of the year. Two bands furnished the music,

the world-famous Marines and the mili-tary band from the Washington Barracks. The European powers were represented to the limit of their staffs. A very large percentage of army and navy officers, all inuniform, with a large repre-sentation of resident Washington, made up the greater part of the company, th sional contingent being notic

INK-SPOTS FROM EXCHANGES.

(Washington Post.)
The report that Booker Washington is finding the collections for his school work

low is not at all difficult to believe Booker made a serious dent is his useful-ness when he strayed from his organai mtentions. TOES DON'T COUNT.

(Index-Appeal)
It is noted that the Hon. Leslie M.
Shaw, the new Secretary of the Trensury,
is endowed with twelve well developed toes. That bodes no danger to the

THE CUSS WORD TEST.

(Alex. Gazette.)
The wag in Austin, Texas, who brok up the spiritualistic seances by placing tacks on the floor over which the ghosts walked, possessed considerable know-edge of the frailties of human nature for but few people, when taken unawares can repress a mild cuss word when they step on a tack or sit on a bent pin.

THE PASSING CONFEDERATE VETERAN (Richmond News.)

The Confederate veterans is not se numerous as he was and his voting strength diminishes year by year. May be he made a mistake in not striking for and carry counties. Instead, he modestly stood back and has done his share of the work and borne his full part of the lead and has asked nothing Perhaps when he has become a very few feeble thousands some of our economical news-papers will come forward with a proposi-tion to tax him for the privilege of being a survivor. Human gratitude takes queer turns occasionally.

SCHLEY AND OUR PENSIONERS

((Fairfax Herald.) We have, indeed, fallen upon evil tir when a mere pittance is withheld from such heroes upon the ground of extrav agance. Is this the modern reward for "duties faithfully performed?" Are the "duties faithfully performed?" Are the men who lought our battles to be ignored in their helplessness? We condem the navy Department for its persecution of Schley, who fought and won the greatest naval battle of modern times and yet we are asked to deny recognition of the claims of those who per formed feats of valor even more darin

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Mr. Moncure, the member from Stat ford, who was at his home with the grip for two weeks, is now at his post, considerably improved, but not yet entirely well. — Richmond Dispatch.

Senator Daniel will not retire from the convention. It is very doubtful whether he will be able to render further service in the body, but he will retain his mem-bership. In response to a number of personal letters and to representations made to him by Senator Glass. Senator Daniel authorized Mr. Glass to withdraw his resignation. Maj. Daniel is still far from well. He will take a long sea

The convention refused to fix a day for the consideration of the report of the Committee on Suffrage. Mr. Marshall, of Craig, endeavored to get the body to name Monday next as the time when this name Monday next as the time when this subject should be taken up, naming Jan uary 23 as the day upon which a vote should be taken. Both of these proposi-tions were rejected. Mr. Marshall says he will call the matter up again and con-tinue to do so until some action is taken. Mr. Marshall's motion to strike out the Mr. Marshall's motion to strike out the section fixing \$4,000 as the minimum salary of judges of the Supreme Court was lost. Mr. Ayres' amendment fixing the minimum salary of city and circuit judges at \$2,500 was also lost. Mr. Barbour moved to fix a minimum of \$2. Barbour moved to fix a minimum of \$2,000. This was adopted.

The fight for the election of judges by the people was renewed with reference to Supreme and Circuit Court judges, but in vain. The proposition to have the Su-preme Court judges appointed by the governor was also defeated. Judge Rob-ertson tried in vain to have section 9 so amended as to leave the matter of creat-ing a new circuit to the legislature. Mr. Flood offered an amendment to the rules. authorizing the clerk to deduct \$4 for each day a member was absent without leave, and Judge Marshall submitted an amendment to the rules providing that seventy-five instead of a majority should be present in order to transact business. The Democratic suffrage Committee heard an able speech by Dr. McIlwaine in favor of the plan offered by Delegate Moncure, of Stafford. The conference decided to hold meetings on Monday. Wednesday, and Friday nights until the subject is disposed of.

MARRIAGES

subject is disposed of

Licensed in Washington to marry: John J. Norwell, of Fairfax county, and Gertrade Pattie, of Fanquier county.

Licensed in Baltimore to marry: William H. Hinson and Mollie E. Crandall, both of Lancaster county. Alfred T. Young, of Accomac county, and Maccrina Grinels, of Middlesex county.

City Engineer E. A. Marye, of Newport News, who was shot by Lawyer C. Aylett Ashby, died Monday night from the ef-fects of an operation. Mr. Ashby was not re arrested but is still under bond. His preliminary trial will take placeearly next week. Perry Belmont Defeated for Congress Perry Belmont, Democrat, was defeated for Congress in the New York Seventh district by Montague Lessler, Republican, by 304 votes. It is claimed that Croker knifed Belmont.

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KING GEORGE

Compulsory Vaccination and the Public Schools Entertainments Fersonals, E.c.

Correspondence of THE FREE LANCE.) King George Co., Va., Jan. 6, 1902. The girls and young men, who have been home from school for the holidays, have returned to their studies, and once more "all is quiet along the Potomac." The public and private schools of King The public and private schools of King George resumed duties today, but none of the public schools are as large this winter as last. On account of compulsory vaccination, many parents who are considered sensible people, prefer to let their children remain at home and grow up in ignorance, rather than have them vaccinated. Such conduct will bring its reward in deepest regret when the mistake is most rectifying. Opportunities take is past rectifying. Opportunities for education neglected, will lower the standard of our men and women of the future, for in this progressive age it is education and brains that move the

Many very enjoyable entertainments were given in King George during the festive season, and a number of house parties were entertained by different young ladies. All the churches gave Xmas trees to their Sunday-School pupils, which were beautiful and well attended, the music being a special feature.

Much disappointment was felt that Trinity Sunday-School at the Court-house should have a rainy evening for its celehould have a rainy evening for its celebration, but a most interesting program was carried out and much enjoyed by

all who were present.

"The Christmas Cantata." given by
the Misses Newbill, Messrs. Ninde and
Peed, in which a number of pretty,
bright children participated, was in every way a success and greatly enjoyed by all present. The music was especially ap-propriate and the acting fine. An oys-ter supper followed and a good sum was realized for the organ at Hanover church and for the Jr. Order. Rev. J. H. Newbill delivered an interesting lecture. his subject being: "The Relation of the Jr. Order to the Church."

Jr. Order to the Church."

Mr. T. B. Garnett. who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. E. L. Garnett, at "Spy Hill," has returned to Washington.

Mr. Latane Sale, of Essex county, returned home last Monday, after a visit. friends here, including some business

of importance. Miss May Welch, who spent Xmas with relatives in Fauquier county, returned home last Saturday.

Miss Florence and Mr. Algernon Garnett, daughter and son of Hon. H. T. Garnett, left last Wednesday for Wash-

ngton to resume their studies.

Mr. Frank Dalton, of Newport News,
s a guest of his uncle, Rev. J. H. Newbill,

is a guest of his uncle, flev. J. H. Newbill, at the Baptist parsonage.

Miss Marie Doherty, who is attending school in Washington, has returned to that city, after a visit of two weeks to her mother at "Waverley."

Miss Sophia and Virginia Tayloe, of "Chatterton." returned on Saturday from a pleasant visit to friends in Maryland and Washington. and and Washington.
Mr. Robert K. Ashton, of "Rokeby,"

visiting his mother and sisters in Washington.
Mr. James O. Peed, who has been visit-ling his parents at "Windsor," returned to Washington Sunday.
Miss Elsie Washington has returned to

Waverley," after spending Christmas with her parents in Westmoreland. Mr. Shirley Ashton has returned, after pending Christmas with friends in Fau-

uier county.
Miss Ernestine South left on Sunday Mr. Withers Boggs spent the past week with friends in Washington.

SOME DEATHS Mrs. James T. Young, of Accomac

Mr. Albert Janney, aged 30 years, died Tuesdaylin Prince William county.

Mrs. Mary Shield died Sunday in North-ampton county, aged 87 years. She is survived by nine children. Mrs. Robert Williams, of Culpeper, died Mrs. Robert Williams, of Culpeper, died in Staunton, Sunday night, aged 78 years, and her body was taken to Cul-peper Monday for interment. Mrs. Wil-liams was a native of Culpeper. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Sevilla Denton, and a son Mr. J. C. Williams, both of

Spotsylvania Real Estate Sold. At Spotsylvania court Monday the fol-

At Spotsylvania court Monday the fol-lowing pieces of real estate were sold at public auction:

The "Hopewell Nursery" farm, belong-ing to C. H. Robey. Andrew Chalmers bought is for \$900.

About 300 acres belonging to the estate of Jas. L. Rawlings, deceased, situated near Lewiston. Jas. Mastin, purchaser,

at \$1.55 per acre.
About 368 acres, near Mud Tavern, belonging to the estate of Robt, and Spencer Coleman, deceased. Mrs. F. H. Fitzpatrick bought the land for \$3.30 per acre and W. G. Dillard the timber for \$67.5.

Reads the Newspapers The New York advertiser says:

"A man may or may not read a poster in a way to receive a distinct impression, for the mind is not always receptive. A man may read a circular or he may throw it into a scrap busket. The newspaper, however, he beys voluntarily be a se he wants to read it. He may not read my a vertisement the first day or for many days, but some day he will read it, and will take it all in. That is why I regard the newspaper as the one efficient med of publicity."—Philadelphia Record.

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Half a Million for the University

Some years ago, a gentleman named Austin left his fortune of from \$500,000 to \$700,000 to the University of Virginia to \$700,000 to the University of Virginia His wife was given a life interest in the estate and at her death the money will go to the university. The income is about \$15,000 per annum. Mrs. Austinceserves \$5,000 for her personal uses and now devotes the remaining \$10,000 each year to the university. Mr. E. A. Marye Dead

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